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TREASURER'S REPORT.

K. Kendall, Treasurer of Goffstown, 1871, DR.

Amount received from former Treasurer	\$1,337 77
Received from Selectmen, money borrowed	950 00
note and interest on School Fund	26 62
of Rodney Johnson, Collector for	
1867 and '68	245 68
of Charles Morgrave, Collector for	
1869 and '70	2,285 36
of Eliphalet Richards, Collector for	
1871	7,195 00
of Dunbarton, on Jones road	400 00
from Savings Bank Tax	2,014 74
Railroad Tax	507 64
Literary Fund,	120 90
Bank Tax for 1867	107 78
of County	213 50
for use of Town Hall	105 00
	\$15,509 99

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By State tax	\$3,270 00
County tax	1,031 37
Orders paid	11,081 13
	\$15,382 50
	\$127 49

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Notes due from town and interest on same March 1,	
1872	\$33,852 06
Less amount due from Bank	\$102 00
due from R. Johnson, Collector '67 and '68	127 10
C. Morgrave, Collector '69 and '70.	405 40
E. Richards, Collector '71	4,474 80
in Treasurer's hands	432 49
	\$5,541 79
	\$28,310 27
Due from State in State Bonds	13,072 22
	\$15,238 05

We have omitted the amount reported last year as due from the United States, of \$3,306.77, and also one note due from D. S. Carr, of \$303.00, not considering it available.

We, the undersigned, have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 2, 1872, and find them correctly cast and vouched for.

GEORGE P. HADLEY,
T. R. BUTTERFIELD,
CALVIN WYMAN,

Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn after settlement with Auditor, March 1, 1871.

R. Johnson for Chestnut lumber	\$12 70
H. W. Hadley, money paid Auditor	6 00
C. W. Cheney, labor on highway	66 53
Daniel Butterfield, labor on highway	5 00
Luther Sargent " "	8 27
John Townes " " 1869-70	9 00
A. O. Parker, two wood seat stools	1 25
S. J. Tenney, beef and pork for R. Haseltine	4 46
Clement Sawyer, labor on road	11 03
Nancy Shirley, " "	5 11
G. M. Eaton, " "	5 00
Edwin Kidder, " "	2 12
Geo. Cox, " "	4 00
Henry Blaisdell " "	4 00
James Buxton, labor on road and sheep killed by dogs	15 38
C. S. Balch, materials for town house	3 84
O. B. Pierce, labor on road	50
David Steele, services	2 00
Wm. Moore, labor on road	5 55
Charles George " "	5 52
Philip Mitchell " "	11 50
Jesse T. Plummer "	2 73
Geo. K. Richards, "	32 75
Samuel Dow, labor on road and damage to field	13 52
S. Hodgman, " "	9 50
H. E. Blaisdell, oil and lighting bridge	1 60
John Whitney, labor on road	41 00
John G. Dodge jr., one sheep killed by dog	8 50
John G. Dodge, labor on road	39 64
Ambrose Smith, labor on road 1867-68	4 00
Geo. E. Tirrell, " "	4 03
E. W. Martin, setting guide posts	2 50
C. F. Livingston, printing reports	50 40
R. Pattee, stone and wood for town house	33 70
O. B. Lincoln, labor on road	4 34

P. C. Cheney, blacksmith work	\$5 81
Hiram Tirrell, labor on road	3 25
B. F. Merrill, do. do. and wood for S. S. Colby	22 13
E. Rand, labor on road	5 25
H. L. Livingston, labor on road and damage in 1867	8 50
A. McDougall, " "	10 36
C. W. Cheney jr., " on bridge	2 50
D. McAllister, " "	3 00
H. E. Colby, " "	2 00
Harriet Kidder, money on note	875 55
S. J. Dow, labor on road	3 50
C. Mortgage, setting glass &c.	8 43
" " cash paid for labor on road	4 86
Luther Kidder, labor on road and town house	15 00

FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

John Richardson, county bill	\$13 00
Ben. Saulpaugh, boarding B. P. Manning	26 00
John L. Cheney, for board of Susan Hardy	17 50
Gilbert Alexander, for extra charge of Mrs. Kittredge and board	34 00
D. & J. S. Little, 16 visits to Mrs. Kidder	16 00
Stephen Lawrence, house rent for S. S. Colby	10 00
D. & J. S. Little, 18 visits to Mrs. Foster	18 00
M. J. Whipple, boarding B. P. Manning	26 00
John Richardson, county bill	13 00
John L. Cheney, boarding Susan Hardy	17 50
State Reform School, boarding Walter Johonnett and Clara Foot	52 00
John Richardson, county bill	13 00
Gilbert Alexander, boarding Mrs. Kittridge	26 00
M. J. Whipple, boarding B. P. Manning	26 00
State Reform School, for W. Johonnett and Clara Foot	52 00
D. C. Smith, medical attendance upon Mrs. Kittridge	24 00
Mary Morrison, boarding Mrs. Kittridge	18 00
Gilbert Alexander, boarding Mrs. Kittridge	26 00
John L. Cheney, board of Susan Hardy	17 50

Dr. Little, 10 visits to Mrs. Foster	\$10 00
Dr. Little, 7 visits to B. P. Manning	7 00
E. W. Martin, wood for S. S. Colby	6 00
John Richardson, county bill	13 00
M. J. Whipple, boarding B. P. Manning	26 00
A. F. Carr, attendance on county poor	14 00
State Reform School for W. Johonnett and Clara Foot	52 00
H. J. Tirrell, for team and expenses to county farm with Phebe Worthley, and searching records in Henniker and Hopkinton	16 00
John L. Cheney, for boarding S. Hardy	17 50
H. J. Tirrell, for keeping county poor	7 00
Stephen Lawrence, house rent to S. S. Colby	18 00
E. R. Poor, wood and flour for S. S. Colby	6 75
Mary Morrison, board of Mrs. Kittridge	26 00
Rodney Tirrell, wood for S. S. Colby	5 00
E. W. Martin, wood for S. S. Colby	5 00
Wm. S. Whipple, wood for Mrs. Foster	6 00
State Reform School, for Clara Foot	12 86
B. F. Stevens, wood for S. S. Colby	5 00
H. J. Tirrell, keeping county poor	13 00
A. F. Carr, for attending Mrs. Kittridge	8 00
Stephen Lawrence, rent for S. S. Colby	2 00
State Reform School, for W. Johonnett and Clara Foot	52 00
H. J. Tirrell, keeping county pauper	1 25

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Thos. D. Sargent, labor on road in 1870	\$3 12
Rodney Tirrell, labor on road in 1870	5 54
C. K. Pierce, labor on Town House and highway,	25 47
C. K. Pierce, labor on culvert near meeting house, 1868	10 00
Warren Harriman, 2nd, labor on road in 1870	12 40
Aaron Collins, labor on road in 1870	1 31
Mrs. M. M. Jones, labor on road in 1870	2 00
James Richards, labor on road in 1870	3 60
James Ferson, labor on Mountain road in 1871	28 00
C. M. Stevens, oil and lighting bridge at Centre	6 00
Joseph Cram, labor on road in 1872	23 42

G. K. Richards, repairing culvert	\$5 75
G. F. Farley, repairing road and setting guide post .	17 00
Benj. Dow, working non-resident tax in 1871 . .	17 50
Benj. Dow, labor on road in 1871 No. 16, . . .	16 50
W. Harriman, 2d., stone, plank, work on bridge, 1871	49 65
B. F. Harriman, labor on road 1870	1 50
Jacob A. Flanders, labor on bridge 1870 . . .	8 00
B. F. Stevens, " on road "	13 75
Sylvanus Kidder " " "	2 00
Robert Ayer, " " "	6 00
J. Haseltine, " " "	56 50
J. Q. Perley, " " "	15 50
Joseph Cram, " " "	10 64
Frank Pierce, " " "	7 46
Thos. Stevens, " " "	1 37
Wm. G. Buxton, " " "	6 68
N. Clark, " " "	4 05
Jesse Tirrell, " " "	24 24
Joseph Manning, " " "	5 33
N. S. Merrill, labor on road, damage to land 1870 .	11 74
Geo. Worthley " " 1870	4 00
S. M. Christie, " " "	1 33
John Whipple, " " "	3 85
Gilman Story, " " "	4 94
C. M. Stevens, lighting and snowing bridge . .	12 00
Gilman Blaisdell, stone for bridge, 1871 . . .	3 00
David Wells for lumber, 1871	7 72
P. H. Pattee, stone in 1869	4 00
S. Stratton, labor on road, 1870	7 53
C. Morgrave, labor on road dist. No. 6, 1871 . .	33 00
David Pattee, labor on road, 1870	9 24
E. W. Cram, " " "	11 10
Iddo Z. Morrison, labor " "	1 42
David Kidder, " " "	2 22
C. A. Upton, " " "	5 89
Calvin Wyman, " " "	27 29
Gilman Blaisdell, " " "	13 89
Henry Blaisdell, " " "	7 63
B. F. Stevens, " " 1871	9 00
S. Tibbetts, " " 1870	1 45

Horace Kidder, labor on road	1870	.	.	.	.	\$1 46
Job Kidder,	"	"	"	.	.	1 73
Mrs. A. H. Annis,	"	"	"	.	.	5 22
D. W. Hoit,	"	"	"	.	.	5 53
Abram Richards,	"	"	"	.	.	2 00
D. A. Riley,	"	"	"	.	.	2 40
Caleb Stowell,	"	"	1871	.	.	11 29
Thos. Stevens, snowing bridge,	1871	.	.	.	.	6 00
Robert L. Livingston, oil and lighting bridge	.	.	.	.	.	33 40

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

A. H. George, 1 sheep killed by dogs,	1870	.	.	.	.	\$8 00
W. H. Fisk for stationery	.	.	.	.	.	7 58
John Ferson, sheep killed by dogs,	1870	.	.	.	.	5 00
Wm. P. Warren, furnishing record of soldiers	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Campbell & Hanscom, printing orders &c.,	1871	.	.	.	.	3 50
" " " auction bills	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Amos W. Whipple, tarring shingles,	1870	.	.	.	.	7 00
Geo. Warren, expenses to Concord on bounty business	.	.	.	.	.	8 50
J. L. Kennedy, for lettering 50 guide boards	.	.	.	.	.	36 00
P. C. Cheney & Co., use of watering tub 3 years	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
Selectmen's expenses moving Mrs. Kittridge from Windham to Goffstown	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
Nathaniel Hadley, sheep killed by dogs	.	.	.	.	.	11 00
E. Rowe, sheep damaged by dogs	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Samuel Teel, services after settlement with auditors	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
John Whitney, sheep killed by dogs	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Alfred Poor, plank, wood, and water tub	.	.	.	.	.	11 00
N. E. Morrill, renewing insurance on Town House	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
E. Richards, tax bills and stationery	.	.	.	.	.	8 56
C. Morgrage, services after settlement	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
A McDougall, use of water tub	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
H. J. Tirrell for stationery and stamps and water tub	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
R. Pattee, wood for Town House	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
P. E. Hadley, furnishing records of soldiers	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
W. P. Warren " " "	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
P. H. Pattee, water tub,	1870	.	.	.	.	3 00
D. S. Elliott, water tub to April,	1872	.	.	.	.	3 00

Jesse Carr, water tub	\$3 00
F. O. Colby, non-resident road tax	6 75
Thos. Colby, water tub, 1871	3 00
S. P. Elliott, water tub, 1869 and 1870, and work on road	6 74
Warren Harriman, 2d, water tub	3 00
B. F. Stevens, work on road and making guide boards	9 00
H. J. Tirrell, expenses to Concord for State tax	3 00
R. Pattee, wood for Town House	9 00
Caleb Stowell, wood for Town House, and water tub	4 75
John Dodge, sheep killed by dogs and work on road	14 00
R. L. Livingston, oil and taking care of Town House	40 00
James C. Jones, use of money for town	5 00
N. E. Morrill, renewing insurance on Town House	45 00

PAID TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST.

Harriet Kidder, interest on note	\$28 45
H. G. Tewksbury, " "	60 00
Rhoda Richards " "	21 00
Chas. George, note and interest	50 00
H. G. Tewksbury, do.	400 00
Lucy Hadley, on note	80 90
A. F. Carr, interest on Raymond note	102 00
David Steele, interest on notes	108 00
G. W. Parker, interest and principal	500 00
Luther Hadley, interest	68 92
H. G. Tewksbury, on note	56 00
Elizabeth A. Richards, interest	21 00
G. W. Parker, interest	219 25
Nathaniel Hadley, interest	60 00
Henry W. Hadley, principal of note	550 00
Henry W. Hadley, principal and interest	206 30
Alfred Story, interest	84 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Daniel Little, poll tax	\$3 10
Leonard Kimball, over taxed on land	1 04

C Mortgage, over taxed	1871	.	.	.	\$7 14
E. Richards, over tax	"	.	.	.	5 34
J. B. Pattee, abatement of tax,	"	.	.	.	17 85
G. W. Parker	"	"	.	.	23 20
L. L. Hadley	"	"	.	.	8 92
Lucy Hadley	"	"	.	.	3 56
Wm. L. Otis, over tax	"	.	.	.	5 35
E. Richards, abatement on J. Gilchrist, bank tax, 1871					7 12
Alfred Story, abatement on note .		.	.	.	16 04
R. Johnson, abatement in '67 and '68 .		.	.	.	18 68
C. Mortgage, abatement in '69 and '70		.	.	.	127 08

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, Frank Hadley, Committee	.	.	\$292 16
No. 2, A. J. Pierce, Treasurer	.	.	81 69
No. 3, Daniel Shirley, Committee	.	.	142 90
No. 4, S. M. Barnard	"	.	101. 92
No. 5, G. L. Bartlett	"	.	167 62
No. 6, J. S. Stevens	"	.	115 97
No. 7, Irad Poor	"	.	124 70
No. 8, E. Jones	"	.	103 48
No. 9, E. R. Poor	"	.	218 49
No. 10, H. F. Martin	"	.	168 20
No. 11, John Whitney	"	.	174 58
No. 12, F. H. Phillips	"	.	71 30
No. 13, E. Richards	"	.	299 12
No. 14, George L. Bartlett for 1870	.	.	55 20

NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 1, 1872.

Rhoda Richards, note and interest	.	.	.	\$368 84
G. W. Parker,	"	"	.	101 00
"	"	"	.	1,339 81
"	"	"	.	309 18
G. W. Parker, Noyes	"	"	.	757 97
Sally Burnham,	"	"	.	436 00
G. W. Parker,	"	"	.	638 29
"	"	"	.	1,616 00

A.F.Carr, Tewksbury note and interest	.	.	.	\$789 99
Elizabeth A.Richards	"	"	.	275 50
Warren Harriman,	"	"	.	521 52
"	"	"	.	446 00
Naomia J. Warren,	"	"	.	164 09
Mrs. Abby Burnham,	"	"	.	446 46
Chas. George,	"	"	.	389 83
Lucinda L. Hadley,	"	"	.	1,618 55
"	"	"	.	257 19
Lucy Hadley,	"	"	.	453 21
"	"	"	.	205 27
Alfred Story,	"	"	.	1,437 33
Mary Smith,	3	notes and interest	.	266 07
Mrs. Sally Parker,	3	"	"	1,041 95
Mrs. Harriet W. Black	"	"	.	115 00
David Steele,	2	"	"	1,841 25
Charles George,	"	"	.	137 22
Julia A. Little,	2	"	"	2,192 75
Nathaniel Hadley,	2	"	"	1,177 50
J. B. Pattee,	2	"	"	2,253 16
Joseph B. Hoit	2	"	"	174 79
John Ferson,	2	"	"	475 90
Luther Hadley,	2	"	"	1,015 00
A. Whitney,	2	"	"	707 76
C. W. Little,	"	"	.	536 25
Rebecca Burnham,	"	"	.	1,578 50
Thos. L. Poor,	"	"	.	84 00
Miss Sarah Harriman,	"	"	.	572 18
John Butterfield,	"	"	.	316 90
E. Richards,	"	"	.	380 21
Harriet Kidder,	"	"	.	2,001 84
James Barr,	"	"	.	825 07
D. S. Ferson,	"	"	.	309 00
T. R. Hoyt,	"	"	.	180 25
Mary A. Edwards,	"	"	.	204 93
Cyrenia Sargent,	"	"	.	1,140 81
James C. Jones,	"	"	.	707 70
Eliphalet Jones	"	"	.	252 10
C. Morgrage,	2	"	"	808 00

EXPENSE OF JONES ROAD.

Land damage	\$1,036 00
Cost of building	1,406 77
G. P. Hadley, surveying	8 00
T. R. Hoyt "	6 00
Printing auction bills	1 50
David Cross' bill	100 00

EXPENSE OF SAULPAUGH ROAD.

Luther Richards, land damage	\$40 80
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EXPENSE OF MUSTER FIELD ROAD.

Land Damage	\$36 00
G. P. Hadley, surveying	4 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Geo. Warren, Selectman	\$71 00
H. J. Tirrell, " *	160 00
B. F. Stevens, "	68 00
Frank B. Flanders, Town Clerk	42 84
Kendrick Kendall, Treasurer	55 00
E. Richards, Collector	175 04
S. L. Gerould, S. S. Committee	34 25
G. F. Farley, "	36 00
Auditors' bill for 1871	6 00

HENRY J. TIRRELL,
 BENJAMIN F. STEVENS,
 Selectmen of Goffstown.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report:

DISTRICT No. 1.—Village, South.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Lydia A. Batchelder, of Concord, a graduate of the High School in that place. She passed a very satisfactory examination, and promised to be a successful teacher. A good degree of enthusiasm was manifested at the commencement of the school, but it soon began to wane. The teacher evidently took little pains with the school after the first week or two, and things went from bad to worse, until it was thought best to bring it to a close sooner than was at first anticipated. Miss B. was entirely competent, and why she did not make more of an effort is not understood. She is however deserving of credit for drilling her pupils in *writing*. In this branch her success was remarkable.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Alvin Hadley, an old and well-known teacher. The term was a longer one than this district has had for a long time, and its effects were seen at the examination, when a very marked progress from other terms was discovered. If the order was not as good as desirable, the school house must share the responsibility. The teacher labored faithfully, and if any failed to be greatly profited by the school, they have themselves to blame.

This school-house remains about the same as last year, though it was repaired so as to be barely comfortable for the winter. But it is a standing disgrace to the place. It is a short sighted policy to scrimp on our school-houses, furniture and teachers. If the same policy that is pursued in some of the districts, were the policy of all the districts in the State, the remark attributed to Mr. Webster, "that New Hampshire was a good State in which to raise men," would no longer be true. A generous policy in this direction

would be a paying one. It always has been so, and there is no reason to suppose that Goffstown would be an exception to the general rule.

(See under district 13.)

DISTRICT No. 2.—Mountain.

Only one term, taught by Miss Edna V. Carr, of this place. Miss Carr has had but a limited experience, but she will evidently make a good teacher. An excellent scholar and possessed with winning manners and great kindness, she can hardly help attracting her pupils into the fields of knowledge, if given a fair chance. But in this district she had much with which to contend. In the first place the school is so small that it would require something in a teacher almost superhuman to awaken any enthusiasm. Teacher and taught must plod along at a very unpleasant pace. In the second place, there is evidently wanting in this district, that harmony of feeling that is conducive to good schools. The feeling among parents is taken to school by the children. Where such a state of things exists, let not impossibilities be demanded of a teacher.

This school house should be repaired before another school commences. The doors of a school-house ought not, at all times, to stand invitingly open. It would be well to consider the propriety of uniting this district with the adjoining one in New Boston.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Shirley Hill.

Summer term, taught by Miss Jennie E. Hart. It hardly needs to be said that her's was a first-class school. It would have been cheaper, in the end, for almost any district in the place to have so well remunerated her services as teacher, that she would have had no temptation to have left this, for another State. Her school was an excellent one in every respect.

The Winter term, taught by Miss Sarah E. Tinker, of Bedford, was a good one. She labored faithfully, and reaped the fruit of a faithful laborer, in seeing a very good degree of progress in her pupils. This district could hardly do a better thing than to secure her continuance as a teacher. Very much is to be gained by the employment of a good teacher, term after term.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Kennedy Hill.

Summer term. Miss Dollie C. Mathes, teacher. This is a small but very pleasant school. The parents are mostly very much interested in the progress of their children, and are talking seriously of rebuilding their somewhat dilapidated school-house the coming season. It is hoped that they will. The location is pleasant and convenient, and the district abundantly able, and what is better, harmonious. These old structures which so remind us of the past are fast passing away before the advancing strides of "Young America." Give the little ones a nice, pleasant and convenient school-room and they will be all the more ready to grasp what is to many the dry details of learning.

The summer school appeared well at its examination. The order was good. The writing books, with a slight exception, were neatly kept, and the progress made was good.

Most of the studies pursued seemed to be improved upon, unless we except grammar. That simple sentence which was placed upon the board should have been more correctly parsed, if not by the pupil, at least by the teacher.

Winter term by Miss Ella J. Topliff. The school made excellent progress in all the branches taken up, and made a good appearance at its examination in everything but its order. There are some very smart young mathematicians here. Miss Topliff is finely qualified for a teacher but (and we say it in kindness) she will want to carry a firmer hand to succeed in *all* schools.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Mast Road.

Fall and winter terms by Miss N. Amanda Wyman. This school is one of the enterprising ones, full of spirit and ambition, with a teacher perfectly able and willing to second the scholars in their efforts. The parents take a lively interest in the prosperity of their children and contribute not only their money but what is of far more value to the teacher, their sympathies. Under such circumstances a school cannot fail of being a good one. There are some very fine readers in the school. Taking the number of scholars into consideration, it will be difficult to find so many good readers, grammarians and mathematicians as they can boast of here.

Of Miss Wyman it is not necessary to particularize. Her skill and experience are too well known to need a word of praise.

The area of the district has been largely extended by the annexation of about one-half of the Dow district and the major part of No. 14. Without materially enlarging the school at present, it creates a school fund which, judiciously employed, will give a large amount of schooling for many years to come.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Centre, South side.

Summer term, Miss Myra Worthley, teacher. This was her first attempt at teaching and although young and inexperienced she met with desired success. Well qualified to teach in any of our common schools, and with a disposition to assist and encourage her pupils, she will compare favorably with more experienced teachers. The school appeared well at each visit and the progress made was apparently good.

Winter term by Miss Dollie C. Mathes.

Owing to the Paper Mill fire the number of scholars for the winter term was quite small. In fact so small not much interest was created. The examination was short. A few of the scholars reflected considerable credit upon themselves at least. Perhaps the school, on the whole, was a profitable one.

DISTRICT No. 7.—East.

Summer term by Miss Abbie H. Barnard. Miss Barnard is an experienced teacher and gave good satisfaction to those who attended. The school appeared well at its examination and evinced good progress in the various branches pursued. The "slight unpleasantness" which resulted in securing Miss B. as a teacher, it is hoped is passed. It was virtually expelling several of the best scholars from the school and from the benefits of which they were entitled to share. It is an old maxim and a very good one that "minorities have rights which majorities are bound to respect."

Winter term by Mr. Charles G. Emmons, teacher. Mr. Emmons came very highly recommended as a scholar and gentleman,

and with a capacity to teach, from the principal of the New Hampton school, which recommendation he sustained to the satisfaction of all concerned. Without attempting to attain the highest discipline, which is not very popular with the parents of this district, he still preserved good order and secured the good will of pupils and parents. The scholars seemed interested and the progress made was very commendable. The examination passed off with credit to its participants.

The school house, which was doubtless once considered very good, is now one of the very worst in town. The seats are abominable, and the ventilation, if anything, is worse. A new house would be the best thing, but a new arrangement of the seats, a great improvement.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Tebbett's Hill.

Summer term by Miss Susie R. Clifford. Miss Clifford from all accounts gave good satisfaction to the district. The school appeared well at its examination. The scholars are mostly rather backward in their studies and need a long and profitable course. The parents should wake up more to the true interests of the young. It is not enough to clothe the child and start him on the way to the school house. Interest yourselves in his various studies. Sympathise with him in his mental difficulties. Encourage and excite his ambition and the harvest will surprise you no doubt, but you will leave the scholar a legacy that no after trouble can take away.

Winter term by Mr. Charles E. Crosby, teacher. The school appeared well at the commencement, and gave good anticipations of a profitable term. The teacher showed considerable talent in imparting instruction, and the scholars seemed to be interested, but from some cause, perhaps best known to those least interested, the school closed suddenly without an examination. The parents of the district are respectfully invited to read for their instruction the 13th, 14th, and 16th sections of chapter 5th of the Digest of the N. H. school laws. They will probably find there a certain method for the introduction of new school books. If the supply had been ample the books would have been furnished according to law.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Centre, North side.

Summer and winter term by Miss Mary J. George. In securing the services of Miss George the district was most fortunate. Combining a rare talent of imparting instruction, with finished qualifications, she quickly won her way to the affections of her pupils. Her method was new to them in a measure, but was soon appreciated. No lesson was permitted to pass until every particular was fully understood. No point so obscure but was brought to light. In short, an interest was created which did not falter, but seemingly increased to the end. Under such auspices success was guaranteed from the start, and a school was produced which will rank second to none in town. The enthusiasm was not confined to the pupils alone; the friends in large numbers greeted the scholars and teacher at the examinations.

The same process which enlarged No. 5 gave a part of No. 15 to this district. The work so well begun should be carried forward until every district is concentrated as much as possible. Remember that "union is strength," and in this case with increased facilities. No. 6 should be united, also a part of No. 12. Then establish your graded school and enjoy all of the advantages of an academy at home.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Pattee Hill.

Miss Belle A. Austin, of Hooksett, taught the Summer school, a superlatively good one. This district is somehow very fortunate in its teachers. But, in the opinion of your Committee, good fortune here, as elsewhere, comes through efforts, and the use of the right means. Any district that will take pains to appoint a prudential Committee that is thoroughly interested in schools, will almost invariably have good teachers and good schools.

Mr. George Pattee, the teacher of the Winter term, has sustained the opinion expressed in regard to him in the last report. He succeeded very well. Loella Pattee, Annette Martin and Frank L. Buxton attended school in Summer and Winter without receiving a single mark, for which they deserve this credit.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Parker's.

Miss N. Amanda Wyman, teacher, Summer term. Miss W. is an old and well known teacher, who is always successful. She has the peculiar faculty of governing a school without *showing* her authority. Very quietly and easily she moves among her pupils, keeping them in excellent order, and inciting their enthusiasm. Sixty months' experience in teaching, has so well qualified her that this town should not permit her to engage in this occupation elsewhere.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Jason P. Dearborn, of South Weare. Mr. D. claims to have had an experience of thirty months of teaching, and in that time one should find out whether he is adapted for a particular vocation. He evidently labored hard to have a good school, but not much was accomplished. His education was probably sufficient, though his examination was not quite satisfactory. His lack was, manifestly, an ability to maintain good discipline and awaken respect and enthusiasm. Until children are made of different material from what they are at present it will not generally do to inform them beforehand that corporal punishment will not be inflicted.

In the remarks by the teacher, in the Register, he says: "A few of the older scholars seemed to have no object in view in attending school, and said, in the beginning, they only came because compelled by their parents." Evidently there are some who attend school here, as well as in other districts, who are not yet perfect.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Page Hill.

Only one term during the year, taught by Miss Lizzie Sargent, of this place. She had previously taught this school two terms. The school was a good one. The teacher succeeded in awakening more interest than could have been anticipated.

This district will do well to seriously consider if it is not for its advantage to unite with one or more of the other districts. It seems to your committee to be a matter of prime importance. Some of the children would have farther to travel, but it would more than be made up to them in the longer, larger and more enthusiastic schools.

DISTRICT No. 13.—Village, North.

Miss Mardie L. Story, of this place, teacher of the summer term, which was seventeen weeks long. This was her first attempt and was a decided success. She had a superlatively poor school-house, and a large and poorly classified school with which to contend, but notwithstanding this she managed to lead her pupils along in the paths of learning, with such success as to commend her to all with whom she was concerned. She reports thirty-three as not whispering during the term.

Teacher of winter term, Mr. Sylvester Brown, of Bow. He had had but a limited experience in teaching when he commenced. But after this it will be safe to regard him as an *old* and *experienced* instructor. The obstacles of the summer term were increased, but so far as he was concerned, he left little to be desired.

It would be an excellent and merited punishment, to cause all in this district, who oppose increased school facilities, a new school house &c., to attend school in their school house for a single term. Long before the term should expire, they would be willing to grant almost any thing that should be asked.

Let this district be united to No. 1; let all, or nearly all of No. 12 be added to it; let all but the extreme north part of No. 11, (which can easily go to No. 10) be joined to it, and then erect a school house of three rooms, have a graded school of three departments, primary, grammar and high, and, if sufficient care is exercised in procuring and retaining good teachers, you will have so good a school, the expense will be returned many times over. It costs from \$75 upwards to send a child away from home to school for a *single term*; and yet the tax necessary to build such a house would hardly equal this sum for a single individual. Then you would have, or might have, with a little extra outlay, as good a school as is any where enjoyed.

Greenleaf's series of Arithmetics has been introduced into the schools during the year. There was a great lack of uniformity in text books in this department, and it was not an easy matter to make a selection from the various competing authors; but after a careful examination, we fixed upon Greenleaf, as, all things considered, the best.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS IN USE.

Arithmetic,—Greenleaf, introduced in 1871.

Geography,—Guyot's, " 1868.

Grammar,—Quackenbos',

Reading,—Hillard's, introduced in 1869.

Spelling,—Town & Holbrook, introduced in 1869.

Writing,—Payson, Dunton & Scribner, introduced in 1870.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Summer or Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. weeks of school.	Wages per month, including board.	Whole No. scholars.	Average attendance.	No. attending reading.	No. attending spelling.	No. attending writing.	No. attending arithmetic.	No. attending grammar.	No. attending geography.	No. attending composition.	No. attending history.	No. attending algebra.	No. attending other studies.	No. attending school, between 4 and 14 not attending school.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Not absent one half day.	No. visits of Superintendent S. Com.	No. visits of Prudential S. Com.	Average amt. expended on each scholar.
1	Summer.	Miss Lydia A. Batchelder	6	\$32 00	33	26	33	33	16	15	5	10	1	3	2	2	15	83	30	3	3	1	45
2	Winter.	Mr. Alvin Hadley	12	38 00	38	32	38	38	1	35	12	12		1		21	223	30				1	45
3	Summer.	Miss Edna V. Carr	9	25 00	9	8	9	9	5	7	1	3		1		2	6	19	3		1	1	5 61
4	Winter.	Miss Jennie E. Hart	8	28 00	13	11	13	13	3	7	3	5		1		2	6	6	3		1	1	4 30
5	Summer.	Miss Sarah E. Tucker	12	31 00	19	16	19	19	13	15	4	8		3		2	37	56	3		2	1	4 39
6	Winter.	Miss Dollie C. Mathes	10	21 00	15	13	15	15	7	7	3	6		3		3	56	3		2	1	1	3 50
7	Summer.	Miss Ella J. Topliff	12	24 00	13	12	13	13	8	7	3	7		3		2	48	48	11		3	1	5 51
8	Winter.	Miss P. Amanda Wyman	12	24 00	26	21	26	23	10	20	6	10		3		2	60	60	11		3	1	3 00
9	Summer.	Miss P. Amanda Wyman	12	24 00	27	23	27	25	11	22	6	10		3		2	37	63	13		3	1	3 00
10	Winter.	Miss Myra Worthley	11	20 00	18	11	18	18	5	13	5	8		3		1	22	63	5		3	1	4 00
11	Summer.	Miss Dollie C. Mathes	12	20 00	15	12	15	15	7	9	5	8		3		1	3	22	6		1	1	1 81
12	Winter.	Miss Abbie F. Barnard	10	24 00	22	18	22	22	5	18	6	10		3		2	35	3	2		1	1	3 51
13	Summer.	Mr. Chas. G. Emmons	10	45 00	22	27	32	32	5	28	6	10		3		1	39	39	26		2	1	2 50
14	Winter.	Miss Susie R. Clifford	8	25 00	16	13	16	16	7	16	3	6		3		1	37	7	4		2	1	3 00
15	Summer.	Mr. Chas. E. Crosby	7	30 00	15	12	15	15	8	15	3	6		3		3	7	7	13		3	1	1 52
16	Winter.	Miss Mary J. George	10	35 00	39	36	39	39	25	32	9	17		3		8	46	7	13		5	1	2 25
17	Summer.	Miss Mary J. George	10	45 00	50	45	50	50	20	43	20	21		3		1	24	46	24		9	1	4 00
18	Winter.	Miss Belle A. Austin	14	20 00	15	14	15	15	9	13	20	11		3		2	2	24	4		5	1	4 00
19	Summer.	Miss Geo. Patten	10	36 00	22	21	22	22	20	21	6	12		3		1	1	26	3		3	1	2 50
20	Winter.	Miss N. Amanda Wyman	8	24 00	19	17	19	19	26	29	5	10		3		9	42	20	3		3	1	3 51
21	Summer.	Mr. Ja-on P. Dearborn	10	40 00	33	27	33	33	26	29	5	10		3		1	1	11	43		3	1	1 78
22	Winter.	Miss Lizzie Sargent	12	22 00	14	8	14	14	7	7	1	4		3		5	136	43	3		3	1	1 78
23	Summer.	Miss Mardie L. Story	17	24 00	57	41	57	57	31	37	1	18		3		6	125	83	3		3	1	2 04
24	Winter.	Mr. Sylvester Brown	11	46 00	62	52	62	62	48	48	16	12		3		3	125	83	3		3	1	2 04

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